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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**INDIANAPOLIS MAN SENTENCED TO 16 YEARS IN
FEDERAL PRISON FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF GUN**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that MICHAEL BURNETT, 46, Indianapolis, Indiana, was sentenced to 192 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Sarah E. Barker following his conviction at trial on January 24, 2006, for the unlawful possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. This case, which was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives and the Indianapolis Police Department, was prosecuted as part of the Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative to reduce gun violence.

On June 14, 2004, Indianapolis police officers executed a search warrant at 1414 East 24th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. BURNETT was at the residence and officers found a loaded .357 caliber handgun in the upstairs bedroom. The evidence introduced at trial established the

BURNETT possessed the gun. Because BURNETT had previously been convicted of three violent felonies, he was exposed to an enhanced sentence under the Armed Career Criminal Act.

According to Assistant United States Attorney James P. Hanlon, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Barker also imposed five years supervised release following BURNETT's release from imprisonment.

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